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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed July 18, 2006. A check for the extension fee in the amount of $120.00 is attached. An Amendment responsive to the outstanding Office Action is being filed simultaneously herewith. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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